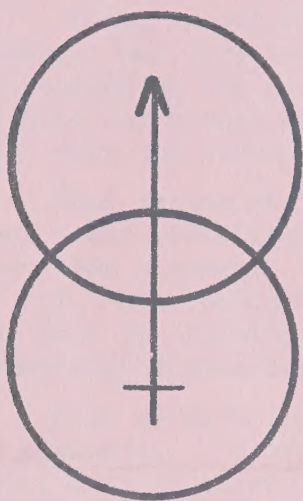




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EDITORIAL

To The Editor:

Being an out of town member of Club '70 is extremely frustrating to say the least. Not only because I am unable to take part in the many social events sponsored by the Club, but because I am unable to become actively involved in the behind the scenes work. The duties involved in keeping a club such as ours running, are many and varied, I'm sure.

What amazes me is the memberships apparent lack of interest in these matters, and their unwillingness to lend a helping hand. It might do everyone well to sit back for a moment, and fully realize how lucky we are to have a Club such as ours. I ask, "what would we do if it didn't exist?" For the majority of us, it would be back to cruising straight bars, and we are all aware of what a frustrating and sometimes disheartening chore that is.

Here we have a Club, that allows us to be ourselves, and that makes being "GAY" a pleasure. A place of our own where we can meet our own, and most important of all, a place where we are accepted for what we are. Does the membership not feel that it is worth a little of their own time to help maintain and build such an establishment?

Another point worth mentioning, is the fact that our equivalent in Calgary, Club Carousel, has brought several excellent revues to Edmonton for our entertainment and enjoyment. Why is there not more effort being made by our Club to sponsor similar projects, and share them with Calgary. Reports show that it is due to general disorganization, and lack of interest. Come on Guys! Lets get with it. We have a lot of talented people in our midst, lets get going and show the world what we can do!

My beefs could go on and on, but it would serve no purpose in voicing them right now. Rather, I intend to do something about them. I am taking up residence in Edmonton within the next month, and consider it my duty as a homosexual, and as a member of Club '70 to become immediately involved in the various club committees and projects, and to do my part in making an even greater success of the Club.

I only hope that my fellow members will take it upon themselves to do the same.

"Rodger Stone"

WHAT IS A MICHAEL ROBERTS??

Hi!! My name is Michael Roberts and if you haven't seen or heard me on radio or t.v. then I'm sure that you've heard your friends mention me. Yes, it's true, I'm that guy who uses the media to tell the world that I'm a homosexual. You may ask "Is he nuts??" or "What does he do it for??" "Why??" For the answers to these and other questions about myself and what I am trying to do read on.

I have been sexually attracted towards guys ever since I found out what sex was and yet I saw no wrong in this. I came originally from Africa where I found out at the age of 17 that gays were "sick and perverted" and desperately wanted to be "normal." This was all I could find out from all the books that I could get hold of on the subject. Here I was, an outcast from society who could not look people in the face because of my dreaded secret. I felt that I was condemned to live a life of loneliness, frustration and misery as a "pervert" with little or no chance of finding another gay person with whom I could be happy.

Imagine my relief when, on coming to Canada three years later, I found out through the Georgia Straight that there were people like myself in Vancouver. I

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wrote away to an advertisement offering a "Gay Guide" to Vancouver and a few weeks later there was this yellow book in my post office box which explained everything I had always wanted to know about gays and then some. After reading through the book several times I discovered that gay people were not only in Vancouver but everywhere in Canada and that there was a name and phone number that I could call for help. To cut a long story short I contacted the person there and he helped me come out on the 1st of January, 1971, and at the same time I moved out of my home and told everyone I knew that I was gay (including my boss).

After being out for a few months, I decided to see if I could contribute in some small way to the organization which had helped me to gain my self respect as an individual and which had given me a chance to find happiness with people who had the same inclinations as myself. I had been transformed from a "sick pervert" into a happy (gay) human being who was proud of his sexuality.

This is how I came to meet Roedy Green the author of "A Guide for the Naive Homosexual" (a gay guide) and who is now honorary National Chairman of the Gay Alliance Toward Equality (G.A.T.E., for short). G.A.T.E. is an organization which grew out of a number of gay peoples' disappointment with the other gay organizations in Vancouver. Most G.A.T.E. members feel that the G.L.F. (Gay Liberation Front, now defunct) was too leftist in their politics, they were unsatisfied with the C.G.A.A. as they felt it was too much of a one man power trip, and the other groups in Vancouver were either closed (circle) or were doing nothing at all. This group of people decided to form a group which would be active on three levels:

(1) Bring gay people out so that they may participate in whatever way they wish in the organized club/pub/organization gay scene thus helping them to find happiness as a gay, build up the gay scene and advert suicides and breakdowns.

(2) Educate heterosexuals as to the true nature and condition of the homosexuals in our society by using the media to inform straights about us and to shatter their old stereotypes of what a gay is. This will help straights to better understand gays thus leading to less prejudice and discrimination on the basis of sexuality.

(3) Work with the gay community for the betterment of that community and for the eventual full civil and legal rights for gays which now exist for others in our society. G.A.T.E. would like to see the inclusion of guarantees in the human rights acts of the provinces and the Canadian Bill of Rights that no person shall be discriminated against in any way because of their sexuality or sexual life style. We believe that we can change the system from within by petitions and letters to the government. We do NOT believe in "Smash the State" politics.

How do we go about accomplishing this mammoth task??? The first step is to bring out gay people and build a strong gay community so that we have a basis from which to work. To bring out people it is necessary that someone be out-front (publically gay) and advertise the fact that he is gay and not ashamed about it. This way other closet gays listening/reading/watching will feel that it is worthwhile coming out and will have the information as to how to go about getting in contact with other gay people. At the same time step 2 is accomplished the straights listening/reading/watching are told that we gay people are not all limp-wristed nelly old men who sleep with one another because this is the only kind of sex we can get. They learn by their exposure to a gay that we are human beings with the same desires and ambitions as they are, that we are capable of love and affection as they are.

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the overall views of gays held by our society.

The third step is a thing which will take many years as one has to change the views of society before one can expect that society's government will change. There will come a time when there will be laws preventing employers from firing people solely on the grounds that they are gay and preventing people from discriminating against gays. The only way to have these laws passed is to make people aware that we want and demand these rights. Write a letter to your M.P. and tell him that it's time discrimination on a sexual basis was stopped. By holding public demonstrations, G.A.T.E. makes the average citizen aware of what we want.

You may say "that sounds like the type of organization that I am interested in. I would like to do something but I have a job or my family doesn't know." My answer to that is that there is a place in the organization for anyone who has something to contribute. If you join G.A.T.E. you do not have to be public and hold hands down Jasper Avenue as the membership is confidential. Most people are not in the position that I am where my family knows, my straight friends know and most of my co-workers know.

Come to a G.A.T.E. drop-in and just meet other people and give yourself a chance to have some serious discussion about problems common to all gays. We of G.A.T.E. would like to feel that we are serving the gay community in the best way possible; I would like to feel that next time I go to the media I am representing the whole gay community of Edmonton and not just a small number of G.A.T.E. members. Please tell us your ideas as to how we should do things, what services we could provide or how we could improve existing things. We need your ideas and action to help you to a better image in the eyes of the straight community of Edmonton. We would like to prove to the straight community that we gays can participate in the life of that community that we can help the City of Edmonton to become a better place to live.

Last, but not least, you could help by sending a donation of money (anonymously if you wish) to G.A.T.E. to aid in its work. At the moment the project is funded entirely by myself with a few donations from members (we have applied for and hope to get an O.F.Y. grant for the summer). The project costs about \$40.00 per month most of which is postage, stationery, telephone, etc., etc.

G.A.T.E. has been granted recognition as a street agency and this means that we can rely on referrals and support (not financial) from the other helping agencies here in town. G.A.T.E. has also been contacted by a number of doctors and psychiatrists who wish to refer patients to us for help. We have been contacted to give lectures at the University of Alberta and by other organizations. We are gradually being accepted by the straight community of Edmonton. Is it not time that the gay community did something??

Please have no hesitation to contact me if you have any comments, questions, suggestions or ideas. I can be reached at 424-2011 or you can write to me in confidence at Box 1852, Edmonton, T5J 2P2. We are looking forward to hearing from you as we need your thoughts in order to know how to serve you better.

I hope that this has done something to explain who I am and what I am doing (or trying to do) here in Edmonton.

Love and peace,

Michael Roberts
Coordinator G.A.T.E.

(The foregoing article was supplied at the request of a member of the Board to explain to Club '70 members the purpose and organization of G.A.T.E. It should be noted, however, that the opinions expressed in this article are not necessarily those of the Club '70 Board or of the editorial staff of '70 NEWS.

jb)

CLUB NOTES

1. Coming Events:

Saturday Night, May 20th - BAND NIGHT

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and band commences at 9:00 p.m.

Admission:

\$1.50 for members

\$3.50 for non-members

2. Recognition, Gemini Club - Saskatoon:

Club members will be pleased to know that the Board, at its meeting on May 1, gave formal recognition to Gemini Club, Saskatoon. This means that members of the Gemini Club will enjoy the same rights and privileges and of course be subject to the same rules as Club '70 members with the exception of voting at general or special meetings. This also means that should a Gemini member move to Edmonton, his 1972 membership card will be honoured throughout 1972 by Club '70. WELCOME TO THE CLUB - GEMINI!

3. Resignation From Board - Lynne Paton:

The resignation of Lynne Paton from the Board of Directors of Club '70 was accepted with regret at the May 1st meeting. Lynne found that because of a recent change in jobs that her new hours conflicted with college course, club operations and Board Meetings. As a result, Lynne felt that in order to be fair to both the Club and Board, she should resign and give someone else the opportunity to serve their fellow man.

The Board wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to Lynne for her services and cooperation and wish her luck in her new career.

4. Queen's Birthday Ball - Saskatoon:

The following is an excerpt taken from a letter sent by Doug Hellquist, President, Gemini Club, Saskatoon:

...We are planning a special weekend for May 20 and 21. We are calling it the Queen's Birthday Ball. We will have a special liquor license we hope and we will have food at the Club also. Sunday, we will have special activities for people at one of the lakes a few miles from town. If there is anyone in Club '70 who has some special talent they will be welcome to perform at the Club as we are trying to arrange a talent show. We will welcome anyone from Edmonton who would like to perform for us. If there is anyone who would like to do something we would appreciate it if they would contact us as we would like to know what we will have. We would also like to welcome any members from Club '70 who would like to come to Saskatoon for the weekend. We hope to make it an enjoyable weekend for all. I hope that we will see a number of people from Edmonton down for the Queen's Birthday Ball.

Club Gemini is located at 502 Main Street and hours of operation are 10:00 to 3:00 a.m. for the Queen's Birthday Ball.

Club '70 members should note that Gemini Club operates on Saturday nights only as far as we know. (jb)

5. Note of Thanks To Saskatoon:

A note of thanks goes forward to Doug Hellquist, President, Gemini Club, Saskatoon, for supplying names and addresses for the Regina and Winnipeg Clubs. Our Board will be contacting these two clubs in the next few days.

6. Club Carousel - Calgary:

We have received a few enquiries regarding location of Club Carousel in Calgary. The address is: #304, 327 - 22 Avenue S. W. Club Carousel's hours of operation are: Wednesday - 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Friday - 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Saturday - 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

7. Club Members Going to Vancouver?

We have received a request from Robert F. Leclaire and John L. Marseille to have their Vancouver telephone number published for the benefit of any member who may be traveling to the west coast. Robert and John have offered to show anyone around who may be out that way. The number is 688-2087.

8. Memberships:

There are now 287 members in the Club.

ON REFLECTION

By: Rodger Stone

These troubled times

Are full of Sorrows

Po verty.....War

And what tomorrow

When will it be over

When will it be done

Whats happened to Love

And Laughter....and fun

Pray God...He'll stop one day

Look down on us

Sigh and say

The one thing forgotten

For which he stood

Please....My children

Let there be good

In our Gay Society, religious beliefs are varied, and in many cases non-existent. Do not turn away from the faith, cause even though we are different...God Loves Us To!

R.S.

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8. Membership:

There are now 387 members in the Club.

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look down on us
Sigh and say
The one thing forgotten
for which he stood
Please...My children
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CLUB NOTES9. Caretaker for Club Premises:

The Board invites applications for the position of full-time caretaker of the Club premises. Duties are of such an nature as to see that the premises are clean and ready for each evening's operations (normally three times a week). The caretaker works under the directions of the Club Manager and receives a salary of \$150.00 per month.

Written applications should be received by The Secretary not later than Friday, May 26th, with duties to commence June 16th. Applications are to be addressed to: The Secretary, Club '70, P. O. Box 1716, Main Post Office, Edmonton.

10. Painting of Ceiling - Club Premises:

The Board also invites tenders, by members, for painting the Club ceiling.

The Board has received tenders by commercial firms in the neighbourhood of \$400.00 which included the cost of paint and other materials. However, this was deemed to be too expensive.

Therefore, it was decided to open up the tendering to our own members who may be looking for some extra pin money in the next month. Arrangements can be made through the Club Manager to do the job either on a weekend or during the evening should your tender be accepted.

The Board is looking at a one coat, flat, black paint using Latex.

Tenders may be based on the full job. That is, members doing the work will supply their own paint, brushes and scaffold, etc.; or

The Board providing the paint and/or other materials and the member(s) providing the labour; or

A combination of the two above.

Tenders should reach the Secretary not later than Friday, May 26th. Tenders should be sent to: The Secretary, Club '70, P. O. Box 1716, Main Post Office, Edmonton.

11. Band - THE MISSOURI:

I have just learned that the band for Saturday night, May 20th, is called the Missouri. We are unable at this time to name the members in the band but we understand that it is a "rock" group.

